provided by Government has properly been utilised by the Madhya Pradesh Government;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if no enquiry has been conducted whether Government will conduct such an enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA): (a) The Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being implemented w.e.f. 1.12.1997. During 1997-98 and 1998-99 the Central Government has released an amount of Rs. 927.18 lakhs and Rs. 1511.77 lakhs respectively to the State of Madhya Pradesh for the Programme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government are regularly reviewing the progress of implementation of the Scheme through quarterly progress reports and regular review meetings. A concurrent evaluation is also proposed to study the implementation of the Scheme.

Project/Schemes for Urban Graduates/Post-Graduates Professionals

84. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects/schemes etc. launched by Government for providing suitable loans to urban graduates/post graduates professionals for setting up independent professional units; and

† Original notice of the Question, was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of funds allocated/used by different States during the preceding three years?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIA): (a) This Ministry does not have any scheme for providing loans to urban professional graduates/ post graduates for setting up independent professional units. However, a Centrally Sponsored Programme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is being implemented by this Ministry which seeks to provide gainful employment to unemployed or under employed urban poor living below poverty line and educated upto 9th standard for setting up self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Criteria to define Poverty Line

†85. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items published in daily 'Observer' dated 27th August, 1999 under the caption "Criteria to define poverty line need modification";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there is a need for modification in the norms regarding identification of the people living below poverty line; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.